

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STOPPING OF LOSS MAKING SHATABDI EXPRESS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have decided to stop the loss- making Shatabdi Express AC trains;
- (b) the names of Shatabdi Express AC trains which have been making consistent losses;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to find new routes for such trains;
- (d) if so, the surveys done to identify new routes for AC Shatabdi Express;
- (e) whether any routes for such trains have been finalised in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (f): Introduction and cancellation of trains including Shatabdi Expresses is an ongoing process subject to pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources. Since train-wise profitability is not maintained, names of loss making Shatabdi expresses is not available.

However, Shatabdi Expresses on the following routes have been/are being cancelled due to poor patronisation during 2002-2003:-

1. Bareilly-New Delhi Shatabdi Express.
2. Bhatinda-New Delhi Shatabdi Express.
3. Tata-Howrah Shatabdi Express.